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## ■ CYCLING: Veloce named to team

# Fonthill athlete punches ticket to Olympics

QMI Agency Niagara Staff

Joseph Veloce is off to London, England.

Last Friday, the 23-year-old Fonthill resident was named by Cycling Canada as one of the seven athletes chosen to represent Canada in track cycling at the Summer Olympics.

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There was no hesitation from Emmett, Seth and Logan Stankus who dove into a heaping helping of strawberries and ice cream at Short Hills Fire and Rescue's tenth annual Strawberry Festival at White Meadows Farms on Saturday.

## ■ FUNDRAISER

# Strawberries sweet way to protect North Pelham

MARYANNE FIRTH  
Pelham NEWS Staff

**PELHAM** — The strawberries were just as bright as the smiles on the faces of families who visited White Meadows Farms on Saturday.

Heaped on ice cream, deep fried with a crunch and just eaten straight up — the berries were, of course, the highlight of Short Hills Fire and Rescue's annual Strawberry Festival.

Thousands of people flocked to the Effingham farm where the firefighters held their 10th annual fundraising event in support of Pelham Station No. 3.

Proceeds support the purchase of equipment for the volunteer crew, and this year will help to pay off the new Kubota purchased to assist with rescues in Short Hills Provincial Park.

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## ■ CYCLING: London-bound

# Racing to the Olympics

FROM PAGE 1

Canada qualified for an all-time high six events at the 2012 Olympic Games this summer, including men and women's omnium, women team pursuit, women sprint, and women's and men's keirin.

"I am proud to welcome these new members of the 2012 Canadian Olympic Team. Their hard work and dedication will inspire Canadians when they hit the track in London," said Mark Tewksbury, the Canadian Olympic team's chef de mission.

Veloce was chosen for the men's keirin, a mass-start race with a paced start. Veloce, who graduated from McMaster University Friday with an electrical engineering degree, will be making his first appearance at the Olympics.

"I am very excited to be given the opportunity to represent Canada at the 2012 Olympics," Veloce said in a Cycling Canada release.

"It's taken a lot of hard work and commitment, but it has all been worth it to reach this point. I look forward to the challenge of

making my country proud."

Veloce joins wrestler Tonya Verbeek as the only confirmed Niagara-born athletes for this summer's Olympics. Rower Natalie Mastracci of Thorold has an excellent shot at being named to Canada's women's eight for the London Games.

On Monday at a Pelham town council meeting Mayor Dave Augustyn congratulated Veloce.

Over the last two years, Veloce has trained in Los Angeles and travelled extensively. He sought funding for travel and Augustyn said the 2011 Mayor's Gala was able to donate \$1,000 to support his efforts.

"On behalf of council and the community, I would like to congratulate Joseph Veloce for qualifying to represent Canada in the London 2012 Summer Olympics," said the mayor.

"We wish you great luck and Godspeed. We will be watching and cheering for you this summer."

Veloce has been based in Los Angeles the past two years, training with other Canadian athletes and sharing a house with them. Government carling

money helps pay for most of his expenses, but he has to dip into his savings to cover some of his travel expenses.

While in California, Veloce has been teaching himself the final three courses — ethics, communications and computer science — he needed to complete his engineering degree at McMaster. He has submitted assignments online and written mid-terms when he's back in Canada.

"Without McMaster's support, it wouldn't have been possible."

It also helps to be smart. Veloce will complete his university degree with an average in the 90s.

"In one sense, I'm glad to have it under my belt, but at the same time, I'm looking forward to starting my PhD in the fall. It's kind of just one stepping stone to where I want to be eventually."

He has already been accepted into the PhD program at University of Southern California and hopes to work in academia or research.

Veloce is a graduate of Notre Dame College School in Welland.

## ■ FUNDRAISER



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

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The grounds of White Meadows Farms were transformed into a family-friendly playground on Saturday during Short Hills Fire and Rescue's annual Strawberry Festival, which raises funds for Pelham Station No. 3.

# Strawberry Fest success

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It was recently used to rescue a woman who had broken her leg while deep in the forested area.

Money raised is also used to fund a scholarship given to local graduates pursuing education beyond post-secondary.

Pelham town council is now

looking into a replacement for Fire Station No. 3, which is on Sixteen Rd. Council has setup a committee to recommend features required by a new station.

While the festival helps to raise much-needed funds, it's also a day that provides much fun for area residents.

Along with tasty treats, the event featured a variety of

games, live entertainment, draws, a petting zoo and even a horse show put on by 4B Ranch.

"We put this on for the community," said longtime firefighter Matthew Bering.

"It's a little bit of payback for all the support they give us"

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## ■ pelhambriefs

### BIG WINNER IN FORTHILL

PELHAM — Fonthill resident Dennis Grant is celebrating after discovering he won \$525,595 in the June 8 Lotto Max draw.

"It feels like I'm in a dream!" said Grant, age 55, while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to claim his prize.

The real estate agent realized he

won when he scanned his ticket on a self-checker. "I couldn't believe it at first so I had the cashier validate my ticket for me," he called his wife to tell her the good news and of course she couldn't believe.

The husband and father of two children will be celebrating his 31st wedding anniversary this month as well. With his windfall he plans to pay off debt and travel.

The winning ticket was purchased at Zehrs in Welland.

### DECEW HIKERS RESCUED

ST. CATHARINES — Firefighters had to help two hikers get out of the Decew Falls gorge Wednesday evening.

The request for assistance came at 8 p.m. Neither of the two rescues was reported injured.

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■ **LIBRARY:** There is imagine

## Pelham library kicks off summer reading club

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS STAFF

A reader, like a hockey player, has to practise to keep skills sharp. Jennifer Bennet, children and youth services co-ordinator, said she likes to use the hockey example when she explains the Pelham Public Library's summer reading program.

"Some hockey teams hold tryouts at the end of a season to see players at their best," she said.

"Those who hold them at the beginning of the season notice players are rusty. They lost their edge during the months off skates."

The same holds true for reading, she said.

"Teachers tell her students who read through the summer are sharper in September. They have a better vocabulary and read smoother than those who don't read during the off months."

Libraries have had summer reading programs for years because it is a popular service for children, parents and schools.

Pelham is now signing up youngsters for its TD Summer Reading Club, which starts with a kick off on Saturday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It offers an information package and incentives to young readers.

The reading club is a provincially program sponsored by TD and developed by the Toronto Public Library and Library Archives Canada.

Last year, Pelham had more than 300 children enrolled in its program.

This year's official theme is "Imagine" while Pelham turned its version to "Just Imagine...to tie in with its summer activities program."

For example, "Just Imagine... what you can make with a stick" features books *This is Not a Stick* by Antoinette Portis and *The Stick Book* by Jo Schofield at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11.

To stir children's imagination to the unexplained, magician IncredibleB will provide a show of interactive magic at the Fonthill branch at 1 p.m. July 9.

He is a Toronto magician who has performed for the Toronto Zoo, Ontario Place, the Ontario Science Centre, YTV and spent



WAYNE CAMPBELL, Staff Photo

Imagine a summer of reading. That's what these youngsters have signed up for through June, July and August at the Pelham Public Library. From left front are Tristan Pardo, Emma Lee and Lochlan Ridley. In back are Natalie Douma, Brittany Lilly, Chloe Pasca, Grace Skinner and Wesley Myers.

three years performing on Disney Cruise Line ships. Advance registration and a \$4 fee is required to the Disney cruise ship performer.

The reading club has weekly reporting, a tally board and incentive prizes. They include passes to local attractions like Marineland, Journey Behind the Falls, Whirpool Aero Car, and Bissell's Highway. And of course there are "books, books and books" as prizes.

While the club provides weekly reporting and prizes, it's intended to have "no stress, no schedules and no worries." Children can miss a week or two.

The number of books read is up to them. Summer is a time to read for fun, said Bennet.

"In school, there are books you have to read," she said. "In the summer, you can read books you like to read on topics you enjoy."

The goal is simply to read.

For more information see the library's website [www.pelhamlibrary.on.ca](http://www.pelhamlibrary.on.ca) or pickup its summer programs pamphlet.

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Summer Programs are supported by The Friends of the Pelham Library, The Friends of Maple Acre, The Pelham Art Festival, & Kwanis. Unless otherwise noted, programs are at the Fonthill Branch.

### TD SUMMER READING CLUB

Kick-Off day! Sign up for the Summer Reading Club. Last year's record 300. Make your own reading log, enter contests, and drop a ballot in for passes for Bissell's Highway. Open to all ages. Saturday, June 23, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Fonthill Branch. Later sign up any time at either branch starting June 23. Get a sticker on your Wall of Fame for every book read. Report on the books you've read starting July 3 and receive your first reading incentive and ballot. For all ages from preschool to teen.

### INCREDIBLEB

Magic show for all ages. The perfect mix of laughter, imagination and an exciting variety of interactive magic at Fonthill branch on July 9 at 1 p.m.

### MAD SCIENCE ALCHEMIST SCHOOL

"Science of Magic" The hand is quicker than the eye. Investigate the science behind illusions and stage magic. Make your own disappearing box. Ages 6–12. Tuesday, July 10 at 1 p.m. \$4.

### JUST IMAGINE...

**What you can make with a stick**  
Learn how to make a journey/rainbow stick, stick people, animals and picture frames. All materials provided. Wednesday, July 11 at 1 p.m. \$4. Ages 6+.

**What you can build with Lego**  
Unleash your imagination and explore all the endless Lego possibilities with your friends. Please bring a shoebox of Lego to share (you may or may not go home with the same pieces you brought). Master builder prizes will be awarded. Tuesday, July 17 at 1 p.m. Maple Acre Branch, \$2. Ages 6+.

**What you can make with recycled jeans**  
There is no limit to the possibilities. If we use our "imagination" Purse, bags etc. Materials will be provided. Thursday, July 19 at 1 p.m. \$4. Ages 6+.

**Mad Science Alchemist School "Unseen Forces"**  
Seeing may be believing, but the universe in which we live contains invisible forces that shape our lives. See what is magical and what is not. Create your own force harnessing device to take home. Ages 6–12. Tuesday, July 24 at 1 p.m. \$4.

### JUST IMAGINE...

**If you were Crafty Chloe**  
Based on the best selling picture book by Kelly DiPucchio. Explore Chloe's world of glue, glitter and googly eyes. Tuesday, July 24 at 10 a.m. \$4. Ages 6+.

**What you can create with a ROCK**  
Rock critters, monsters, aliens and more. Use your imagination to the fullest. You may bring a special rock or we will provide one. Supplies provided. Wed. July 25 at 1 p.m. \$4. Ages 6+.

**Where you could go on a magic carpet ride.**  
Make your own special magic carpet. Visit different places in the world using your widest imagination. Thursday, July 26 at 1 p.m. \$4. Ages 6+.

**If you were SPOIDMAN**  
For Spidefan fans everywhere. Games, activities and a "spidy" snack. Tuesday, July 31 at 1 p.m. \$4. Ages 6+.

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### Castlemoon Theatre Presents "The Snail and The Whale"

This is a tale of a tiny snail and a grey-blue humpback whale. Experience the wonder of the world from the sea and help the snail save the whole in this puppetry workshop. Each child will make a snail puppet. Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 1 p.m., Fonthill Festival Room. \$4. **You were a character from STAR WARS.**

Come dressed as your favourite Star Wars character. Games, activities all based on your favourite books and movies. Wednesday, August 1 at 11 a.m., \$4. Ages 6+.

**You were in a Fairy Tale**  
Stumble into the world of Happily Ever After. Your favourite characters from stories and movies celebrated. Thurs. Aug. 2 at 11 a.m. \$4. Ages 6+.

**Mad Science Alchemist School "Potions"**  
Combine ordinary and exotic ingredients to make crazy potions. Participants will all take home "Slime". Thurs. Aug. 2, Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 1 p.m. \$4.

**Just Imagine... Everything you can make with Buttons.** Create your very own work of art. "The Button Tree" Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. Maple Acre Branch. \$4. Ages 6+.

**Mad Science Alchemist School "Mythical Creatures"** Introduce yourself to a.mazing animals and automations - some that exist and some that once existed and some that may exist in the future. Make your own take-home automaton. Wednesday, Aug. 8-12. Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 1 p.m. \$4.

**Mad Science Alchemist School Sea Life**  
The ocean holds many mysteries. Learn about its diverse life forms, discover underwater habitats, and learn how humans can help protect ocean life. The Anaglyph 3D Puzzle lets you dive in and take the ocean home. Ages 6-12. Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 1 p.m. \$4.

**TD Summer Reading Club BBQ Day**  
BBQ Day is Friday, Aug. 17. Participants will get a free hotdog, or hamburger and a drink. Musician and former Fonthill resident Mike V. will do a show for the children at 12 noon.

### JUST FOR TEENS

**Fresh Ink**  
Annual Creative Writing Competition for Teens. Visit [www.teenswriting.com](http://www.teenswriting.com) for details.

**Teen Summer Reading Club**  
Sign up in the "Teen Area" and fill out your own ballots for every book you read. They will be entered in our teen prize draw at the end of the summer.

### GET CRAFTY @ THE LIBRARY

Join us Friday afternoons from 1–3 p.m. and get crafty in the children's area. Craft supplies will be put out so you can create your own one-of-a-kind craft. July 6–10. No registration required. Parental supervision required.

### SUMMER STORIES TIMES

For Ages 2 to 6. All storytimes are Thursdays at 10 a.m. and include a story craft and activities. July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, Aug. 9. Please check the schedule for location. \$3/child per day session.

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## ■ perspective



Wayne Campbell  
EDITOR

## Local writers at library on Saturday

Are you curious about what it takes to write a book?

Perhaps you want to meet some Niagara writers. Or are you looking for a locally written book. The Pelham Public Library may just have the afternoon event for you.

What's more it's free.

On Saturday, as part of Grey Borders' Niagara Literary Arts Festival, the library will hold an afternoon of reading, selling and signing. It runs from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The festival promotes and hosts local writers and is sponsored, appropriately enough, by publisher Grey Borders.

The festival has put out a pamphlet outlining the services who are taking part in the month-long promotion.

Among the writers is Fernwick resident Doug Wilson who wrote a police thriller, *Croafog*.

He believes, the pamphlet says, you should always make time to do the things you love, overcome his excuses and began to write. D. C. Shafoe, a speech pathologist with husband and two children, banged out an espionage novel, *Assault on Gibraltar*.

David R. Besley, a research librarian, has written two detective novels as well as a guide to library research.

James Coughley turned his human services experience into *A Man's Work is Never Done: A Novel about Mentoring Our Sons*. The team of Eleanor Johnson and Wayne Fraser examine the lifestyle of a famous writer in *Hemingway's Island*.

Dianna McMillan has made her retirement poetic with *The Countryside Book of Verse and God Like Poetry*. Todd

Niagara Falls writer Wayne Mallows builds a world of vampires around a famous series of murders in 1870s England in *Whitepaper Road: A Vampire Tale*.

This afternoon at the library could raise your summer reading pile as you add local writers.

After a chat with them, it could draw out that book that is said to be within each of us.

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## ■ COLUMN



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

The Niagara Central Airport in Pelham.

# The history of Pelham's flight centre

BY DORTHY RUNGELING  
For PelhamNEWS

**S**tanding in the Town of Pelham is an airport. It has been thought of as Welland Airport for many years and then other names were used but the land it stands on is in Pelham.

It seems as though it has always been there. But it had to have a start and that was during World War II when it was built for Air Force exercises.

In the 1940s a hangar, some, barracks and three runways suddenly appeared along the north shore of the Chippewa river (now named Welland River) at the City of Center Street in Pelham and were extensively used till the end of the war. Then, its usefulness was in doubt and government was wondering what to do with all the airports they had built.

A few people in Welland and surrounding district were interested in flying - it was still a very new thing for the ordinary civilian but after a few meetings they devised a scheme. The government leased the airport to the City of

Welland for \$1 a year and they in turn, leased it to a newly formed organization - the Welland Flying Club.

Unfortunately, none of the charter members of the Welland Flying Club are alive today and I cannot substantiate all the names but I know that among them were: L. B. Spencer, Q.C., a prominent Welland lawyer, Gerald Nash Sr., Welland car dealer and war veteran, H. J. Rellly, Gordon Haun owner of Haun Drop Forge in Welland, Jack Haun, Frank (Les) Lambert, who was in the lumber business, T. J. Richardson, R. Linke, A.R. Lehman, R.C.A.F. pilot during the war, Raymond Wilson a farmer, Peter Tenzen, a Welland photographer, and Arthur Phillips, a merchant and aircraft mechanic in Fonthill. The new venture was named Welland Flying Club which operated out of what was then named Welland Airport. The name Welland Airport just naturally fell into place since nearly all the backers were Welland business men. But the airport was geographically in Pelham.

The first flying club instructor I believe, was Len Fitton, followed by Nick Seldon in about a year. At this time two Aerona airplanes were purchased and a new instructor, Bill Lehman, a local young man fresh out of the Air Force in 1947.

The Aerona's served the club well. They were great trainers - two seater A-trail draggers, as we now call planes with two main wheels and one on the tail, giving them a somewhat nose high, tall down attitude.

The pupil sat in the front seat and the instructor in the back. Controls were stick and rudder. The instrument panel showed needle, ball and airspeed.

If the instructor could not yell loud enough over the noise of the engine to make his pupil understand, he spoke to him through a tube arrangement called a gosport.

Brakes were operated by the pilot's heels so the lady pilots had to remember to wear flat heeled shoes when flying.

L.B. Spencer was president of the flying club for many years and did a tremendous lot for the club. The fact that

the airport is still in existence today is totally due to the hard work and effort of the members of the club, Welland merchants and the Welland Airport commission.

There was a time in the 1950s when things were not going well financially. The gas company who supplied the gasoline for the planes had notified the club that there would be no more deliveries until their bill was paid up in full. Some of the negative type directors were quite willing to let everything go down the drain. But there were others who thought on the positive side and who worked hard to keep it afloat.

One of the club's backers, not even a member, took on the problem and made an offer to the company who supplied the gas, vouching personally for the debt if they were willing to give the club more time.

The oil company accepted the offer, which gave the club a little breathing time and eventually they were on solid footing again.

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## ■ FLIGHT CENTRE

# Turbulent history for airport

FROM PAGE 4

Had it not been snatched from bankruptcy at that time the airport would not have taken long to grow up in weeds and the runways to deteriorate and the buildings collapse.

So the fact is that the airport is still with us is due to the overwhelming will to make a go of it by some club members and some commission members and some friends.

R. H. Davis, president of Atlas Steel, a staunch supporter, made a generous donation each year as did many other Welland businesses.

It was tough and go for some time but the outcome is that we still have the airport to be proud of.

The community needs it.

The first two women to earn a pilot's licence here were Arden Lambert and Dorothy Rungeling in 1948. Women pilots were few and far between and the public didn't know just how to take the fact that women would be flying over their heads.

A lot of publicity was generated for the airport. Pelham along with Welland was really put on the map when an air race was brought here for the finish of the All Women International Air Race in 1952 and the start of this race in 1953, 1958 and 1963.

These events were front page news in newspapers from coast to coast in Canada and also in the U.S.

After all in those days there were not too many women pilots and the thought of them racing a course of over a thousand miles which started in one country and ended in another was big news.

One year this race ended in Cuba which meant a 100 mile jump over shark infested ocean waters. Another year this race covered a 2,500 mile course.

Welland got publicity for the airport. Pelham got publicity for the entry of a resident. Over the years instructors changed at our airport, but the two mechanics Art Phillips and Ross Zimmerman stayed for many years, faithfully keeping the planes in tip top condition for the Welland Flying Club.

It was in the late 1950s when I got the urge to start a charter flying service from Welland. I already had all the credentials - Airline Transport Pilot Licence. I knew the flights would be few and far between but I had had several people request flights to nearby cities or to Toronto airport to make connections with an airline, and one must look ahead and have faith in the dream.

I received the charter and was just awaiting the Operating Permit when I ran into troubles I had never dreamed of. A clique of some local pilots - trouble makers - claimed it was a threat to the flying club and created quite a disturbance. It got to the point of being pretty nasty with threats. Threats that concern public safety must not be treated lightly. I relinquished the charter and put it all behind me.

In 1974 the airport changed hands became Welland Port Colborne Airport. The flying club eventually dwindled, from an active flying club to become a social club which met in the old barracks for a few years.

However the barracks became unusable resulting in the demise of the club around 1983. The barracks were torn down in 1985.

In 1979 a new management appeared on the scene when Bruce McRitchie took over management of the airport. He was a highly respected in aviation circles and soon had his business Welland Aero Center flourishing.

In 2012 he is still going strong and can provide almost any type of help one might need. As he put it, he can offer any kind of help from A to Z on aircraft of any size and also instruction for beginners to big plane training.

In 2002, the airport was again renamed Niagara Central Airport and McRitchie still supplied pilot instruction for beginners or those wanting to upgrade. As of this date Bruce McRitchie was the airport manager and chief of the airport.

He came to Welland in 1972 with his company Welland Aero Center and has been expanding ever since. As of now one can fly into the airport and get information and service in just about any branch of aviation. He can also supply flight instruction no matter how large a plane.

He is now working on an idea of training pilots in conjunction with Niagara College. McRitchie is here, ready and willing to help and we should not let this idea fall through without much serious thought. It will take time but most good things do take time.

The many different people who have been administering this airport for 65 years have seemingly done a tremendous job. They have traveled down some perilous roads but managed to keep the airport alive.

Thanks to these aviation enthusiasts - the wind sock is still flying in 2012.

Let's keep it that way.



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This old building at the Niagara Central Airport is part of former barracks from the Second World War.

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■ OTTAWA VIEW: Dean Allison

# A transformation of Canada's economic immigration program

For centuries immigrants have come to Canada to build better lives for their families. They have found a land of opportunity, amid strength, unity and purpose. We want our immigration system to encourage that but also to discourage those who abuse the system.

We continue to improve the system to better meet the needs of the Canadian economy, and provide immigrants with as many opportunities as possible to contribute to our economic prosperity.

To create a fast and flexible immigration system that creates jobs and promotes



Dean Allison  
FROM THE HILL

Canada's long term prosperity, our Conservative government is working to eliminate the backlog in the main federal economic immigration program.

As announced in Economic Action Plan 2012, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) is planning to refund fees and return state applications from nearly all those applicants who applied

under the dated criteria in existence before Feb. 27, 2008.

CIC is transforming its suite of economic immigration programs to create a just-in-time system that recruits people with the right skills to meet Canada's labour market needs, fast tracks their immigration, and gets them working in a period of months, not years.

Eliminating the longstanding backlog of skilled worker applications will allow the department to focus resources on facilitating the arrival of skilled immigrants who apply under the current eligibility criteria.

Under proposed legislation, CIC will close the files of

applicants under the Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSWP) who applied before Feb. 27, 2008, and for whom an immigration officer has not made a decision based on selection criteria by March 29, 2012.

This is expected to affect around 280,000 applicants, including their dependants. CIC will begin the process of returning the full amount of fees paid to the Department by these affected applicants. For those who have passed the selection criteria stage – approximately 20,000 people – CIC will continue processing their applications until they are approved for entry into Canada or not.

Over the last decade, the number of skilled worker applications received has greatly exceeded the space available within the Immigration Levels Plan each year, resulting in long processing times and an increasing inventory.

Under the 2008 Action Plan for Faster Immigration, CIC began to limit intake to priority occupations. The department added caps to the number of new applications in 2010.

As a result of these efforts, CIC has reduced the pre-2008 backlog by more than 50%. However, without further action, some ISWP applicants might have to wait until 2017 for a decision. That is simply

too long of a wait.

Other important improvements to the system were included in the recently passed Bill C-31, the Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act. Measures in the legislation will allow for quicker deportation of bogus refugees applicants and will also crack down on human-smugglers and illegal arrivals.

Improvements to the immigration system will not only benefit legitimate applicants, but our Canadian economy as well.

Dean Allison is the Member of Parliament for Niagara West-Glanbrook.

■ MAYORAL VIEW: Dave Augustyn

## Two sites suggested for consideration as new southern hospital

You will recall that in early May, Dr. Kevin Smith, the provincially-appointed supervisor of the Niagara Health System (NHS), presented an Interim Report regarding restructuring of the NHS.

Among the 23 recommendations, Dr. Smith suggested that the province should construct a new general acute care hospital, as well as a free standing Urgent Care Centre in "South Niagara" and close

the existing facilities in Port Colborne, Port Erie, Niagara Falls, Welland, and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

He asked the "Mayors of the 'Southern Tier' with input from the regional chair" to come to a unanimous

recommendation for the locations for the new hospital and the stand-alone Urgent Care Centre by June 15.

The six southern mayors – Vance Badawey, Port Colborne; Jim Diodati, Niagara Falls; April Jeffs,

Wainfleet; Doug Martin, Port Erie; Brian Sharpe, Welland; and myself – and Regional Chair Gary Burroughs met five times. Regional Chair staff provided objective data and analysis mapping relating to population density, EMS call volumes, drive times, municipal infrastructure, and NHS referrals and ER usage.

A unanimous decision was reached, and Regional Chair Burroughs announced the results during our regional council meeting on June 14.

We recommended two geographic areas (about four square kilometres each) for the new "southern" hospital – generally described as the QEW and Lyons Creek area, and the East Main Street and Highway 140 area. These two areas are separated only by approximately eight kilometres – about the same distance as between Fonthill and Fenwick's downtowns.

We also recommended that Urgent Care Centres in Port Colborne and Port Erie continue to operate.

While we unanimously recommended two preferred areas for a new hospital, we acknowledged that it will be subject to detailed consideration by the NHS, and the provincial government.

And, since locating a new southern hospital will be an important 50 to 75 year decision, we also called for a



Dave Augustyn  
MAYORAL VIEW

thorough and respectful public consultation about the two locations.

Finally, I spoke to Dr. Smith directly about the impact these two sites may have for Pelham residents.

If the province builds a new hospital near Highway 140 and East Main Street, one could expect that roughly the same proportion of Pelham residents that currently use the Welland site would use the new facility (approximately 70%).

If, however, a new facility is built near Lyon's Creek and the QEW, it seems likely that nearly all Pelham residents will travel to the new northern hospital. Dr. Smith acknowledged the NHS will continue to welcome Pelham residents at any NHS site, now and into the future.

I am very interested in hearing from you about the two sites, please email me directly at mayordave@pelham.ca. You can also email Dr. Smith directly with your thoughts at nhsusupervisor@gmail.com.

You may read Mayor Dave Augustyn's past columns at [www.pelhammayoradvice.blogspot.com](http://www.pelhammayoradvice.blogspot.com).



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■ **HEALTH:** NHS may staff new hospital with different doctor each week

## Pediatrics plan in development

ALLAN BENNER  
Tribune Staff

WELLAND — A plan is being developed that Dr. Parminder Brar hopes will resolve concerns raised by local pediatricians.

Brar, Niagara Health System chief of pediatrics, said a proposal has been presented to NHS administration addressing issues that could arise if inpatient pediatric departments are consolidated on a temporary basis in St. Catharines.

"Whether that will be accepted or not is not for me to say," he added.

The proposal would require only one pediatrician working at the new hospital. He said there's now 12 pediatricians working at NHS hospitals. By working together sharing the shifts at the new hospital, he said it would allow pediatricians to retain their private offices and treat patients within their communities.

"For one week, every three months, you would close your office and go and work in the hospital from 7 a.m.," Brar said. "For the other 11 weeks, you'd run your office without having to worry about going to the hospital."

He said retaining pediatric services at local

hospitals is not feasible, even for the time being. There just aren't enough pediatricians to go around, and he's doubtful that more will be recruited easily.

"We realize there are folks who would like to see things carry on the way they are, and there are folks who are seeing beyond that and rather than being attached to their own hospital they're seeing what is better for the region and also what is practical," he said.

Following the 2003 death of Dr. Anthony Hsu, he said Welland was down to a single pediatrician. In the years since, he said three more pediatricians were brought to the city through a fast-tracked program for foreign-trained physicians. That accelerated program, however, has since been stopped by the provincial government.

And now, without that program, he said he's doubtful that two vacancies for pediatricians in Niagara Falls will be filled in the near future. Meanwhile, he said, pediatricians from other communities are being brought in to work locums at Niagara Falls hospital, which adds to NHS costs.

"We can't continue that forever," Brar said. "We don't have patient volumes. We don't have staff. It's just not doable."

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# Art in the Park offers fine art throughout Summerfest

BY SUMMERFEST  
COMMITTEE  
For PelhamNEWS

Summerfest Art in the Park is a four-day outdoor show on the beautiful grounds of Peace Park. This newest edition to Pelham's vibrant arts scene will excite collectors, fans and connoisseurs of original works of art.

Sponsored by Fonthill Sobey's, the show will include original paintings in watercolour, oils and acrylics, depicting streetscapes and landscapes, close-up displays of nature, or peeks into an exotic life through contemporary

Thai art.

There will also be mixed-media pieces, ceramic sculpture, pottery and hand-crafted jewelry. The show is free as

part of the Summerfest activities - in fact, all the Summerfest activities are free - and will take place starting Thursday evening from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

It will continue Friday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Detailed information

about each of the artists is available on the Summerfest website under the Art in the Park tab.

Much of Summerfest will also include free entertainment for all ages, including a children's stage, music for Art in the Park, and the street-party main stage of fun starting at 10 a.m. Saturday and going until midnight.

The lineup is currently being finalized, but for the first time we are able to share some of the exciting acts coming.

Pelham favourites British Invasion Band will take the stage Saturday evening, followed by Pelham's own Gormans, and the night will finish

off with a return of Flat Broke.

The overall main stage costs are sponsored by the Town of Pelham, while individual talents have been sponsored by several community businesses. McAvoy, Belan and Campbell Insurance has sponsored the children's entertainment and Enbridge has sponsored the Art in the Park music.

During the Sunday community brunch, the Sandy Vine Trio and Steve Burnside's blues band will keep the mood musical in Peace Park, sponsored by Fonthill Dental.

The full schedule is posted on the Summerfest website.

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## ■ CONSTRUCTION ON HIGHWAY 20



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## ■ COUNCIL: Pelham may turn north for hospital service

## Two choices given for hospital site for two reasons

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
PelhamNEWS Staff

A reconstruction of Effingham St. this summer may become timely.

Mayor Dave Augustyn, in a report to town council Monday, speculated that Pelham residents will head north for their hospital needs if Welland loses hospital services.

Currently about 70% of Pelham residents use the Welland hospital site of the Niagara Health Services, he said.

However, if a Niagara Falls, rather than a Welland site, is chosen for the new southern hospital, the mayor said most Pelham residents will head north.

They will press for a new interchange off Hwy 406 and Third St. in St. Catharines to improve access to Fourth Avenue and the St. Catharines hospital as well as increase traffic in Effingham St.

Augustyn said he spoke with NHS supervisor Dr. Kevin Smith to outline Pelham's situation after the south Niagara mayors gave their report.

To Pelham town council, he explained, the breakdown of the mayors' recommendations and pointed out why some potential locations were rejected.

"We recommended two geographic areas (about 4 square kilometres each) for the new 'Southern' hospital, he said.

These two areas are described as the QEW and Lyons Creek area in Niagara Falls, and, the East Main Street and Highway 140 area in Welland, he said.

"These two areas are separated

only by approximately 8 kilometres – about the same distance as between Fonthill's and Fenwick's downtowns.

"We also recommended that Urgent Care Centres in Port Colborne and Fort Erie continue to operate."

After reviewing some preliminary data, the six mayors and regional chair short-listed to six potential sites or areas.

They were the two recommended sites plus Highway 406 and Regional Rd. 20, Netherby and Montrose Rds; existing Welland hospital site and existing Niagara Falls hospital site.

The two hospital sites lacked room to build a new hospital and could not accommodate timely service of whole south Niagara area.

The other two sites lacked available sewer, water and other services. Regional Rd. 20 and Hwy 406 was also too close to the northern hospital.

Augustyn said there were two main reasons the six mayors and regional chair recommended two sites.

"We acknowledge that any siting for a new hospital will be subject to detailed consideration by the Niagara Health System, the LHIN, and the provincial government."

He said the Health Ministry will have additional siting criteria about which we are not aware of nor privy to."

Since a new Southern hospital will have a life of at least 50 to 75 years, "we also called for a thorough and respectful public consultation about the two locations."

It was something that was not done when the northern hospital's location was selected, he said.

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■ **BOOKS:** Literacy program picks a top read

# Readers hunt down War of 1812 books

WAYNE CAMPBELL  
QMI Agency Niagara

WELLAND - Books about the War of 1812 are filling the shelves and flying off them at local libraries.

Ken Su at the Welland Public Library said over the past couple of years the library has ordered fiction, non-fiction, children's and young adult books related to the war.

Some are in French as well as English.

The bicentennial celebration has stirred publishers in both Canada and the United States to put out books about the war and its place in history.

There is a demand for them, Su said.

Since 2009, most of the 1812 books have been borrowed 10 to 15 times a year.

There is also a demand for a variety of formats, he said.

In addition to hard cover and soft cover, readers are looking for large print, e-books and audio books.

"Many people now have e-readers such as Kobo while others want to read on computers."

Some books come in only one form.

"One, *1812 in Niagara*, is only available in e-book format in Canada. We're trying to get a paperback format from the American publisher," he said.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Ken Su of Welland Public Library shows a selection of War of 1812 books starting to fill the shelves of the library. The war is the topic of fiction, non-fiction, young adult, children's, e-books and audio books. With the war's bicentennial, circulation numbers for War of 1812 books are rising.

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## ■ 1812 BOOKS

# Niagara battles popular subject for war literature

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With Niagara serving as the setting for much of the war, books about local battles are sought.

*"Strange Fatality: The Battle of Stoney Creek, 1813*, has been particularly popular."

The books look at the war from many angles. There are technical books about equipment. There are naval books about battles on the lake. There are books about military strategy, politics, lifestyles and women in the war.

The Welland library will create a pamphlet that will list various war books, breaking them down into different categories.

Su said they hope to have it ready in July.

"We will include a list of War of 1812 websites. That's where readers can find updates of information about the war," he said. "Once it is in a book, it stays static."

To also help readers, the library has highlighted 1812 books in its weekly *At The Library* column published in the *Welland Tribune*. It is also available on the library's website [www.wellandlibrary.on.ca](http://www.wellandlibrary.on.ca).

"We've done three columns and if we notice there's still an interest, we will do a couple of more."

The June release of the columns lines up with the bicentennial of the war's beginning on June 18 when the Americans declared war.

Among the books in the column are: *The Civil War of 1812* by Alan Taylor; *The War of 1812: A Guide to Battlefield and Historic Sites* by John Grant; *The Battles of the War of 1812: An Omnibus* by Pierre Berton; *Acts of Courage: Laura Secord and the War of 1812* by Connie Brummel Crook; *Foris of the War of 1812* by Rene Chartand; and *Canada on Fire: The War of 1812* by Jennifer Crump.

The library plans to run an adult book club built around a joint Literacy Link Niagara and Early Childhood Community Development Centre project.

Working off a \$58,800 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, the two groups will narrow down 1812-themed books to two – an adult and a children's book.

For the adult book, the selection list

was first set at 10 then trimmed down to three, said Kathy Felice, who along with Keri Dingwall co-ordinates the Past is Present project.

They had to be written by a Canadian, accessible to all levels of readers and flexible enough to draw questions for use by book clubs.

The final three books are: *The Invasion of Canada* by Pierre Burton; *The Invasion of Canada* by Ronald J. Dale; and *A Very Brilliant Affair, The Battle of Queenston Heights*, by Robert Malcomson.

The winner will be announced at a Literacy Link Niagara reception at Club Roma in St. Catharines on June 22.

For children in pre-school, ages 2 to 5, the project organizers could not find suitable level War of 1812 books, said Felice.

So, a volunteer, Nancy Rotella of Niagara Falls, wrote one, called *Past is Present*, for pre-schoolers.

It follows the criteria, provides information about life in 1812 and contrasts it with lifestyles of today, said Felice.

"Transportation, for example, is very different."

The book will go to 177 daycares across the region. They include French language daycares who will receive a French version.

The adult book, meanwhile, will be used as part of a toolkit to promote family literacy. Libraries across the region will put the kit to work in adult book clubs.

"Thanks to the support of Andrew Porteous from the Niagara Falls Public Library, there will be on-line book clubs available at [www.literacylinkniagara.ca](http://www.literacylinkniagara.ca)," said Felice.

"We are currently contacting seniors centers and clubs about offering the book clubs to their residents. We invite any senior center recreation coordinators interested in participating to contact us at [pastispresent@literacylinkniagara.ca](mailto:pastispresent@literacylinkniagara.ca)."

An adult literacy toolkit will be distributed within Literacy Link Niagara's network.

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■ **CEMETERY:** Honouring friends and family from afar



The Wall of Memories at Pleasantview Memorial Gardens was unveiled during a special ceremony on Saturday. The wall includes 3,000 names.

# Remembering loved ones on the Wall of Memories

PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — Pleasantview Memorial Gardens unveiled its new Wall of Memories on Saturday.

A special ceremony was held to commemorate the 3,000 people whose names have been etched in the

granite wall now found on the cemetery grounds.

"We're overwhelmed by the positive response from the community and are proud to have 3,000 names inscribed on the Wall of Memories," said Paul Scanlan, manager of Pleasantview Memorial

Gardens. "Families that don't have loved ones buried here have told us they now have a place to visit and remember."

The unveiling was held in conjunction with an open house for the new

Pleasantview funeral visitation centre.

The new facility will allow for all in funeral services for families. Scanlan said it will make final planning easier for families as they can now make all final arrangements in one location.

■ **REGION:** Recognizing green thinkers

## Niagara Region Environmental Awards handed out 23rd time

For PelhamNEWS

Niagara Region recognized Niagara's top environmental contributors last night at the presentation of the 23rd annual Environmental Awards.

The awards, the longest-running of their kind in any municipality in Ontario, honour individuals, non-profits, businesses, schools and families who have made significant contributions to protecting and improving Niagara's natural resources.

**"This year's award recipients have admirably advanced this noble cause."**

Gary Burroughs

Young People Award, Elementary Age Category – Welland's Quaker Road School Green Team for their innovation in creating outdoor classrooms

Greenest Family in Niagara – Kim Story and her family for improving and promoting recycling programs in their community

Green Non-profit in Niagara – Commonplace Eco-Village for its creation of an off-the-grid, environmentally friendly prototype home

Green Business in Niagara – Walker Industries for its employee-driven EARTH 1st program

Regional Chair Gary Burroughs and other members of Regional Council presented the awards.

"The protection, preservation and restoration of our environment are of the utmost importance for present and future Niagara residents," said Regional Chair Burroughs.

"This year's award recipients have admirably advanced this noble cause, and it is with pride that we honour their achievements."

Niagara Region's Environmental Awards are a platform for individuals, community groups and businesses in Niagara to showcase their commitment towards sustaining a healthy environment in Niagara for future generations.



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## ■ ENVIRONMENT

# Board puts cork in bottled water buying

For PelhamNews

WELLAND — Disposable plastic water bottles will soon disappear from local Catholic schools.

Niagara Catholic District School Board trustees passed a policy at their board meeting Tuesday that states the board will no longer sell disposable

water on its properties.

Schools have a year to install hydration stations or refit drinking fountains with taller spouts for filling bottles by September 2013.

"We believe and acknowledge there is universal access to potable water that is clean and safe and friendly to the environment," education director John

Crocco said in an interview.

"The water from the tap in Niagara is completely safe."

Many schools already have hydration stations, and many students and staff members have already switched to reusable water containers on their own. Schools will make reusable bottles available to students, but that does not mean students

can't bring disposable bottles from home.

If a water advisory came into effect or municipal water sources are deemed unsafe for any reason, schools would be supplied bottled water until the advisory is lifted.

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## BASEBALL: This week on the diamonds

# Midgets complete comeback against Welland

For PelhamNEWS

The Fonthill Pharmasave Midget baseball team stormed back against Welland on Tuesday to erase an eight-run deficit in the last inning, with Eric Deba scoring the winning run in the bottom of the fifth inning, on a clutch two-out RBI hit by Ryan Guzewski. Eric had four hits on the night, and scored four runs in the 16-15 victory.

### MOSQUITO BATS HOT

The bats were hot as the Mosquito

Studio 20 Pythons defeated the Welland Angels. Every member of the team successfully reached first base at least twice, and 9 of the 11 Pythons players were perfect at the plate.

In a game packed with highlight reel hits, the 2 doubles delivered by Ayden Janas and Dan Durkin, a double by Ivan Kernaghan and the 2 RBI singles by Arasolias Vargas and Callan Saklaturo stood out.

The Pythons' defensive play was equally impressive. Shortstop Andrew Wallo

second base for a double play to end the first inning. Kernaghan caught a huge fly ball in centre field to end the fourth, and quick-thinking catcher, Noah Wouthuis, threw to Callan Saklaturo to tag the runner trying to steal third to end the fifth inning.

### LAFARGE SECOND WIN

The Lafarge Rookie Ball Blue Jays enjoyed their second win of the season against the Welland Yankees on Tuesday night with a final 7-0 runout. The bats and fielding were at work in equal measure with solid strokes from Matthew

Iannizzi, Lucas Slingerland and Kelsie Dyson. Simon Killen recorded an RBI for one of the team's ten runs.

The development of the catcher's position seemed to be the focus of this game, and Nolan Kilman, Brendan Venstra and Cole Slingerland demonstrated how the position is to be played.

As reliable, quick hands of Wyatt Gibson and Alex Rubino made several solid outs in the infield. Michael Dyson, Maya Oakes and Paige Dixon are getting pretty comfortable at third base, showing forethought and strategy in the position.

The last inning proved the most exciting, with aggressive base running by Ben Iannizzi and a hard hit double from Ethan Wells.

### COMEBACK WIN

The Miller Restoration Rookie Ball team had a very close game against Pelham 3, with the team down by three runs until the fourth inning. The team played well defensively, and between the fourth to the sixth inning the team exploded offensively, with the team coming back to win 8-7.

### PEEWEE REDS UNDERWAY

The season has started for the Peeewe Meridian Credit Union Reds. May 31 saw the Reds lose a tight one to the Future Stars Pelham team. Josh George pitched two solid innings recording six strikeouts, and Scott Hooper followed with two innings recording four strikeouts.

In the third inning catcher Tristen Barnhart made a great throw to third to almost get the runner stealing. Also in the bottom of the third, Charlie DeVries hit a hard single to score a run followed by another hard single by Matthew Leppard. In the fourth inning, Ryan Dykstra made a fabulous double play by catching a fly ball and throwing to the second baseman Blake Zurbrugg to get the runner out.

On June 5, the Reds travelled to Port Colborne. Brock Pellows pitched two innings earning four strikeouts. Rowan McLellan came in the bottom of the second with bases loaded to finish the inning and pitched a solid third inning allowing only one earned run.

Catcher Ryan Dykstra blocked pitches preventing runners from advancing. Keegan Ingraham caught a high fly in the third inning to collect the first out, and Blake Zurbrugg made a great catch for the third out. Pitcher Scott Hooper had two solid innings with two strikeouts.

The Reds bats finally came alive, and singles by Josh George, Scott Hooper and Keegan Ingraham was followed by a double by Blake Zurbrugg to score two RBIs.

An amazing line drive catch by Brock Pellows at third covered by left fielder Ben Klassen granted the win to the Reds.

### SIX PLAY FIRST GAMES

The six Pelham T-Ball Teams have played their first two games in the season, with the many new players quickly learning the new skills of baseball. Game reports will be forthcoming as the action heats up at the North Pelham Park on Monday to Wednesday of each week.

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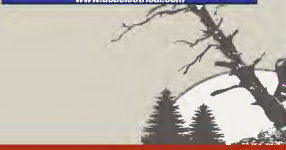
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## ■ EDUCATION

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Tribune Staff

WELLAND — Catholic school dress codes next year won't be as strict as some students and parents had feared.

Niagara Catholic District School Board passed a revised dress code for secondary schools Tuesday night at its final board meeting of the academic year.

"Staff, students and parents wanted a significant rewrite of the (proposed) elementary school dress code," education director John Crocco said in an interview Wednesday.

The policy committee decided the high school uniform policy would go to the committee of the whole and board and they would re-vet the elementary policy.

The board plans to give the community until the beginning of October to comment of the issue online, over the phone or in person. See more at [www.niagaregion.ca/catholic](http://www.niagaregion.ca/catholic).

The secondary school dress code still calls for modesty, but will allow students to have nose studs and some visible tattoos. The policy states, "visible tattooing and branding which is inappropriate, excessive or is directed at an individual, group, culture or which conveys an offensive or inappropriate message, advertisement or slogan are prohibited."

**Staff, students and parents wanted a significant rewrite of the (proposed) elementary school dress code."**

Education director John Crocco



Crocco

"We were hearing students saying, 'I have a tattoo of a butterfly on my ankle, it's not hurting anyone' or someone has a heart on their hand, those kinds of tattoos are permitted," Crocco said.

Sweaters or hoodie school graphics won't be redesigned for three years, but the board added a standard school practice into the policy — sweaters or hoodie designs that are out of date will be allowed in schools.

Uniform suppliers will now limit the number of accessories available to 10 and will also give discounts to families with two or more children or who spend \$100 on uniforms for their family, no matter what Catholic school they attend in the region.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Proposed Community Improvement Plan  
Niagara's Gateway Economic Zone and Centre

## Purpose of the Open House

The purpose of this Public Open House is to present the proposed draft Community Improvement Plan for Niagara's Gateway Economic Zone and Centre, and to receive comments and answer questions from the public regarding the proposal.

The **Public Open House** will be held:

**Wednesday, June 27, 2012**

**5 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

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What is the Purpose and Effect of the Proposed  
Gateway Community Improvement Plan?

The purpose of preparing a Gateway Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre is to provide a comprehensive framework for the introduction and implementation of financial incentive programs; and municipal leadership actions designed to help accomplish the goals identified in the Province's Growth Plan, and the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Final Report for the employment lands within the Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre. The Community Improvement Plan is intended to be complementary to the policies within the proposed Regional Policy Plan Amendment for Niagara's Gateway Economic Zone and Centre in order to support economic development and job creation.

The Proposed Gateway Economic Zone generally comprises employment lands within the municipalities of Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, Thorold, Welland, and Fort Erie, and the Gateway Economic Centre comprises employment lands within the municipalities of Port Colborne, Welland and Thorold.

## Have Your Say

Public input on this proposal is welcomed and encouraged. The Open House is being held to obtain your view. You can provide your input by attending the Open House where comment sheets will be made available. Representatives from the Region, their consultants and the respective local municipality will be present to answer questions and discuss the next steps in the Gateway Community Improvement Plan.

## Next Steps

It is the intent that following this Open House that Regional Council would be asked to consider endorsement of a Community Improvement Plan that would be circulated to each of the five local municipalities. Each of the five local municipalities (Cities of Niagara Falls, Port Colborne, Thorold and Welland, and the Town of Fort Erie) would present a common or similar CIP to their Council for consideration consistent with Planning Act and/or local Official Plan requirements, which would involve the holding of a mandatory public meeting. Details of the proposed CIP can be found at <http://www.niagaregion.ca/government/committees/economic-zone-minutes.aspx>.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact: **Kirk Weaver, Director, Community and Corporate Planning**, Integrated Community Planning Department at: 905 685-4225 ext. 3727 or [kirk.weaver@niagaregion.ca](mailto:kirk.weaver@niagaregion.ca).

If you require any accommodations for a disability in order to attend and participate in the Open House, please contact the Accessibility Advisory Co-ordinator at 905-685-4225 ext. 3252, as soon as possible, or [accessibility@niagaregion.ca](mailto:accessibility@niagaregion.ca) to make the appropriate arrangements.

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### ■ ATHLETICS: A.K. Wigg students bring home medals



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A.K. Wigg Public School claimed 37 medals at District School Board of Niagara track meet. Front row from left are: Adam Bisson, Gold 4x100 relay; Sofia Labricciosia, Gold 4x100 relay; Olivia Bruin, Gold 4x100 relay; Monica Pastore, Gold 4x100 relay; Julia Check, Gold 4x100 relay. Josh Glen, Gold 4x100 relay. Second row from left: Thomas Young, Bronze 4x100 relay; Bailey O'Hagan, Gold 4x100 relay; Jessie Fennell, Silver 100m, 200m & long jump; Gold 4x100 & 4x400; Bianca Gage-Bronze 4x100 relay; Miranda Smith - Bronze 4x100 relay; Asha Williams - Gold 4x100 and 4x400 relay; Emily Traver, Bronze 4x100 relay; Alanna Peplinski, Bronze 4x100 and Silver 4x400 relay. Back Row from left: Coach Rob Hildebrandt, Michael Kohli, Bronze 4x100 relay; Jake Bennett, Gold 400m, Silver 4x400 relay, Bronze 4x100 relay; Carter Zides-Silver, 4x400, Bronze long jump and 4x100; Brock Deba, gold 4x100 and 4x400, Silver 1500m, Bronze 800m; Ethan Ratcliffe, Gold Long jump; Graeme McKinley, Gold 4x100 and 4x400; Abigail O'Connor, Gold 4x100; Julia Burke, Silver 4x400 relay.

### ■ LIBRARY: After school reading program



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

After School is Cool at the Pelham Public Library as Vanessa Bilsborough, left, with Michael Lilley and Burton Golcochea listen to teen volunteer Sabrina Bilsborough read to them. The after school program takes a break for the summer but will return in the fall. It assists young children to improve their reading skills. Teen volunteers earn community service credits. "We can always use volunteers," said program co-ordinator Jen Fulop.



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By now you are probably wondering what is LeafSource and why is it so effective? LeafSource is a 100% natural product derived from a proprietary organic mineral composite with over ten years of university research. LeafSource helps regulate the inflammatory process and the body's ability to repair itself. The vast majority (90-95%) of the population over the age of 50 have joint problems - often called osteoarthritis. This is due to the natural (or unnatural) wear and tear on joint tissue that develops through the aging process. With joint inflammation, movement is limited and pain can be constant. LeafSource seems to have the ability to help people get their mobility and zest for life back. Millions of people seek treatment for their joint and inflammation problems by resorting to expensive, toxic prescription drugs (i.e. NSAIDs) with multiple side effects. These range from nausea and vomiting to serious intestinal disorders (bleeding, gas, pain) and even kidney and liver failure. Isn't that too large a price to pay for a little pain relief? LeafSource is a safe alternative to these destructive anti-inflammatory drugs that cause more problems than they solve. There are absolutely no side effects and it doesn't interfere with any other medications. Controlled experiments and observations have revealed that LeafSource is a potent anti-inflammatory that has been shown to bring a reduction to inflammation and pain within a few days.

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**HOT PRICE!**  
29¢ per capsule  
2. **\$49.99**



**HELPS SUPPORT**

- Weight Control\*
- Healthy Blood Pressure Levels\*
- Cardiovascular Function\*
- Antioxidant\*
- Healthy Blood Sugar Levels\*
- And More!

**DESCRIPTION**

Pure Green Coffee Bean Extracts w/ 50% Chlorogenic Acid (As Seen on Dr. Oz w/ Dr. Lindsey) Pure Green Coffee Bean Extracts Dr. Oz Certified. This Pure Green Coffee Bean Extract supplement supplies 400mg per capsule. Dr. Oz's recommendation is 800mg per day (two 400mg capsules) before a big meal.



**Raspberry Tones**

**HOT PRICE!**  
ONLY \$29.99 or buy 2 for \$49.99

- ✓ Proven Results
- ✓ Safe & Easy
- ✓ Lose Those Stubborn Pounds



**Get All the Benefits of RASPBERRY KETONES and AFRICAN MANGO Combined!**

**What The Media Is Saying**

**RASPBERRY KETONE**  
Dr. Oz Endorsed

"Raspberry Ketones actually help to lose the fat up above the waist... it's a fat-burner and helps... it's a fat-burner and helps... it's a fat-burner and helps..."

**AFRICAN MANGO**  
Dr. Oz Endorsed

"This discovery indicates that African Mango, used by its official name... it's highly effective at... it's highly effective at... it's highly effective at..."

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